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IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reported today that the increase in U.S. general imports, unadjusted for seasonal change,[1] from $2,072.0 million in July to $2,180.2 million in August,[2] reflected increases in 8 of the 10 Schedule A commodity sections. Individual sections showing sizable increases included inedible crude materials, except fuels; miscellaneous manufactured articles; mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials; machinery and transport equipment and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material. Sections registering decreases were food and live animals; and commodities and transactions not classified by kind.

Commodities or groups of commodities showing increases from July to August included iron ore and concentrates; clothing (excluding footwear); crude petroleum; radio and television receiving sets; aircraft and parts; and standard newsprint paper.

Among commodities or groups of commodities for which decreases were reported were new passenger cars; gem diamonds; copper and alloys; and sugar.

[1] *On a seasonally adjusted basis, U.S. general imports during August were valued at $2,144.1 million. (See the August 1966 issue of Report FT 900-I). Seasonally adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.*

[2] *Month-to-month changes in imports and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements. Cumulations of data over 3 or 4 month periods are desirable to identify underlying trends.*

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the U.S. import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through U.S. Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from intransit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country, excluding the U.S. import duties, ocean freight and marine insurance.

RELIABILITY: Effective July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all shipments valued $251 and over (over 98 percent of the total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of all formal and informal entry shipments valued under $251 from commodity statistics. Prior to July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities were based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of the total import value) and thus subject to some error due to the omission from commodity statistics of all informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $251) and under $100 formal entry shipments. The statistics in this report are also subject to some error from such sources as the carryover of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report FT 125. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES AUGUST 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	August	July	Jan.-Aug.	Jan.-Aug.
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material--Continued				
Paper and paperboard.....value..	83.2	70.6	627.0	548.3
Standard newsprint paper..1,000 s. ton..	587	494	4,582	4,045
value..	76.0	63.9	578.2	505.7
Textiles, excluding fibers and apparel.....value..	79.1	75.8	*616.3	*520.1
Yarn and thread.....1,000 lb..	12,740	14,274	92,420	38,637
value..	9.9	10.5	71.7	38.4
Cotton fabrics, woven (excluding narrow or special fabrics).....value..	13.3	13.8	100.6	93.1
Other woven fabrics (jute, wool, synthetic, silk, etc.).....value..	40.1	36.7	310.0	268.4
Fabric, wholly of jute, woven....value..	16.6	14.7	135.6	122.0
Woolen and worsted fabrics, woven.....1,000 sq. yd..	5,238	4,067	42,494	41,829
value..	8.4	6.6	69.2	70.3
Glass, glassware, pottery and china..value..	20.2	15.7	123.7	106.8
Gem diamonds.....1,000 carats..	155	396	2,340	1,924
value..	17.7	39.3	240.4	182.2
Iron and steel (including pig iron and ferroalloys).....value..	131.2	129.3	830.5	835.6
Iron and steel mill products.....value..	122.1	116.7	746.7	777.9
Wire rods, bars (including reinforcing), structurals, and piling.....1,000,000 lb..	820	709	5,126	5,458
value..	39.1	33.1	240.6	261.9
Universals, plates and sheets.....1,000,000 lb..	897	1,068	5,585	5,792
value..	48.4	54.3	297.8	319.3
Tubes, pipes and fittings.....1,000,000 lb..	270	215	1,448	1,362
value..	20.7	16.1	109.3	98.3
Nonferrous metals (excluding ores and scrap)[6] [8].....value..	135.0	131.5	995.8	775.1
Precious metals (mainly platinum)..value..	9.8	4.0	56.4	39.2
Copper and alloys - blister, refined, and mill shapes[6].....value..	49.5	57.5	356.9	258.8
Nickel and alloys - pigs and ingots, and mill shapes[6]...1,000,000 lb..	18	22	161	175
value..	13.9	16.4	120.7	129.2
Aluminum and alloys - primary and mill shapes[6].....value..	25.4	24.3	210.9	170.6
Tin and alloys - primary and mill shapes[6].....value..	15.8	10.4	106.2	85.7
Metal manufactures, n.e.s.....value..	38.6	35.7	266.9	233.7
Machinery and transport equipment.....value..	378.4	366.9	2,977.1	1,783.3
Machinery, total.....value..	238.5	212.0	1,623.0	1,077.3
Machinery, other than electric.....value..	139.7	131.3	1,035.2	708.0
Power generating machinery, non-electric (including engines)....value..	26.5	24.0	206.0	125.0
Tractors and agricultural machinery.....value..	18.0	23.3	183.5	138.1
Agricultural-type tractors (excluding parts and accessories)[9].....value..	2.7	2.6	20.1	7.0
Other tractors (contractors', truck tractors, etc.) and parts.....value..	2.1	2.5	20.0	15.3
Office machinery and computers...value..	13.9	13.9	117.3	85.3
Typewriters and parts.....value..	4.1	4.9	36.7	28.8
Metalworking machines (and machine tools).....value..	14.8	12.0	77.7	37.3
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	20.8	16.3	142.2	95.3
Other nonelectric machinery.....value..	45.7	41.7	308.5	227.1

See footnotes at end of table.

U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES AUGUST 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	August	July	Jan.-Aug.	Jan.-Aug.
Machinery and transport equipment--Continued				
Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances.....value..	98.9	80.7	587.9	369.3
Radio, TV, and other telecommunications equipment.....value..	50.8	33.8	268.0	174.3
Radio receiving sets.....number..	3,422,652	1,183,112	14,499,045	10,263,840
value..	20.2	7.4	83.9	66.9
Television receiving sets.....number..	163,988	123,250	856,674	592,655
value..	12.6	8.8	59.9	32.9
Transport equipment.....value..	139.9	154.9	1,354.1	706.0
Automobiles, busses, and trucks (including special purpose vehicles).....value..	70.7	98.4	795.6	398.9
Passenger cars, new.....value..	59.4	87.7	**729.7	379.1
Parts (excluding engines, tires, and electrical) for automobiles, busses, trucks, and special purpose vehicles.....value..	19.5	18.8	150.3	57.5
Parts for agricultural tractors....value..	5.7	4.4	43.8	32.4
Motorcycles (and motor scooters) and parts.....value..	12.7	14.3	154.5	89.6
Aircraft and parts - civilian and military (parts exclude tires, engines, and electrical).....value..	25.1	13.1	170.3	89.9
Miscelloneous manufactured orticles.....value..	229.7	198.5	*1,430.2	*1,213.7
Clothing (excluding footwear).....value..	73.1	60.8	388.5	333.5
Footwear - rubber, leather, and other.....1,000 pr..	13,233	12,534	130,870	125,698
value..	18.9	15.4	123.6	103.7
Scientific, medical, optical, photographic, measuring and controlling instruments.....value..	20.5	16.8	133.6	110.6
Watches, clocks and parts.....value..	8.5	11.6	80.3	58.1
Musical instruments and parts, including phonographs, tape recorders, phonograph records, etc.....value..	18.3	15.8	115.5	90.9
Printed matter.....value..	9.2	8.0	62.4	47.0
Toys, sporting goods and amusement equipment.....value..	20.7	16.1	110.5	95.7
Artworks, collectors' items and antiques.....value..	12.2	9.9	83.9	87.5
Commodities ond transactions not classified according to kind.....value..	62.7	76.0	543.1	449.1
U.S. goods returned.....value..	39.5	40.8	318.7	274.7
Low-value shipments[10].....value..	14.0	25.2	160.9	133.2
PART III--Other Selected Summary Commodity Groupings - (Consolidotion of items dispersed among two or more Schedule A Sections of Part II)				
Wool, unmanufoctured (including on the skin)[11].value..	17.2	14.7	178.6	161.5
Fertilizers, crude and monufoctured.....value..	10.4	8.9	96.6	80.6
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes ond scrap[7] [8].....value..	188.1	173.9	1,348.0	1,072.0
Copper and alloys.....value..	53.9	67.3	400.3	284.8
Bauxite, crude, refined (alumina), and calcined.....value..	18.3	8.6	100.4	99.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	August	July	Jan.-Aug.	Jan.-Aug.
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap--Continued				
Aluminum and alloys.....value..	26.4	25.3	218.6	175.4
Nickel and alloys, including nickel oxide.....value..	13.9	16.4	121.0	129.7
Tin and alloys.....value..	17.3	10.6	114.2	93.5
Manganese and chromium ore and metal (excluding ferroalloyed forms)[7] [8]....value..	10.9	11.8	75.3	56.5

*Data revised to reflect changes in the Schedule A/TSUSA concordance retroactive to January 1965. Further information concerning these revisions can be obtained from the Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

**Data revised to reflect imports from Canada which were inadvertently omitted from this class for the months of January-April 1966.

- Represents zero.

Z Indicates less than $50,000.

[1] Based on the commodity classifications listed in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported into the United States, as published in the special Census Bureau publication entitled "Changes in Presentation of U.S. Import Statistics Effective 1964." A "Supplement" to Report FT 930-I showing the coverage for the individual commodity totals in terms of the Schedule A classifications is available on request.

[2] The over-all January-August 1965 total as shown in this report agrees with the sum of the January-August over-all monthly totals shown in the August issue Report FT 900-I but does not agree with the sum of selected Schedule A commodity groupings shown here. Monthly coverage adjustments have been made by the Bureau, in the July-December 1965 over-all totals, in an attempt to remove the effect of abnormalities in monthly receipts of statistical documents for that period. Adjusted totals for each of the six months are shown in table 1 of August issue Report FT 900-I. Information in sufficient detail to make corresponding adjustments to the individual commodity classifications is not available.

[3] Revised. The January-August 1966 imports for consumption total reflects a minor adjustment in the data for March 1966, made subsequent to the release of the July issue of Report FT 930-I.

[4] Approximately $14 million in crude coffee from Brazil (representing approximately 36 million pounds) was excluded from the August 1966 import data and will be included in the September statistics.

[5] Excludes, also, wool-like hair of other animals (see footnote 11) whether on or off the skin. Wool and wool-like animal hair on the skin are included under "Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins;" cashmere goat-hair is included with "Fur skins, undressed." All unmanufactured wool and wool-like animal hair, whether on or off the skin, are combined in Part III of this table under the summary grouping "Wool unmanufactured (including on the skin)." See footnote 11.

[6] Consolidated in Part III of this table with similar commodities, dispersed among one or more other Schedule A commodity sections in Part III, and shown under appropriate descriptive headings.

[7] Includes ores of base-metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials: manganese, chromium, tungsten, titanium, molybdenum, vanadium, zirconium, etc.

[8] Includes base metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials but not yet processed into ferroalloys. (See footnote 7, above.)

[9] Parts and accessories for agricultural tractors are shown under "Transport equipment."

[10] Formal import entries valued at less than $100 and informal entries valued at $250 or less.

[11] Includes carbonized wool and wool-like hair of other animals, on or off the skin—e.g. camels hair, alpaca, cashmere, vicuna, angora, etc.

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